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Lebanese Says 4 Suspects in Bombing of U.S. Embassy Have Been Referred for Trial

BEIRUT, Lebanon, July 25 (AP) — A Lebanese military investigator said to-day that he had referred four suspects in the bombing in 1983 of the United States Embassy here to a military court for trial and had recommended that they be executed if convicted.

He said two of the men were also charged with bombing the Iraqi Embassy in 1981. Sixty-three people were ailed at the American Embassy and 48 at the Iraqi Embassy.

The military investigator identified the four as Hussein Saleh Harb, 40, and Mahmoud Moussa Dairaki, 42, both Lebanese; Mohammed Nayef Jadaa, 5% a Palestinian, and Sami Mahmoud al Hujji, 47, an Egyptian.

The investigator, who spoke anonymously in accordance with military regulations, also said he had recommended death sentences for Mr. Harb and Mr. Hujji as suspects in the Iraqi Embassy bombing.

Shiite Groups Took Responsibility

Sources close to the investigation said at the time that five or six suspects were arrested soon after April 18, 1983, the day a pickup truck loaded with explosives blew up at the entrance to the United States Embassy in a seaside district of Moslem West Beirut. The 63 dead included 17 Americans, and 112 people were wounded.

At the time, a shadowy Shiite Mos-

lem group calling itself Islamic Holy War took responsibility for the attack on the American Embassy.

The Iraqi Embassy in Beirut was bombed Jan. 15, 1981. In addition to 48 people killed, 90 were wounded.

At the time, members of a banned group of Iraqi Shiites called Al Daawa, or The Call, said in Teheran that the group was responsible. The group seeks to topple the Iraqi Government of President Saddam Hussein.

The investigator asked in his statement that three other purported accomplices be imprisoned, but he did not say if any of them had been arrest-

Judicial sources said the investigation had taken so long because 10 years of civil war have all but destroyed the Lebanese justice system.

Earlier today, Defense Minister Adel Osseiran said Lebanese troops and policemen would soon put into effect new measures to protect Westerners from being abducted in the area of the American University of Beirut and its adjacent hospital in West Beirut.

Assurances for University

Mr. Osseiran's statement followed a meeting of a committee charged with putting into effect a new Syrian-sponsored security plan in West Beirut.

Mr. Osseiran said security forces would protect the American University of Beirut campus and its hospital and would keep gunmen out.

Most American faculty members fled after the kidnapping on June 9 of the dean of agriculture, Thomas Sutherland. Peter Kilburn, the university librarian, has been missing since Dec. 3, 1984, and David Jacobsen, the director of the hospital, was kidnapped by gunmen just outside the campus May 28.

Five other Americans are also missing after having been kidnapped. They are: William Buckley, an American Embassy political officer; the Rev. Benjamin Weir, a Presbyterian minister; the Rev. Lawrence Martin Jenco, a Roman Catholic priest, and Terry A. Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent of The Associated Press.